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Capstone Intercepts 20m of 2.2% Cu Including 5m of 5.3% Cu: Exploration Program Pointing to Higher Grades and Wider Intercepts than in Current Reserve

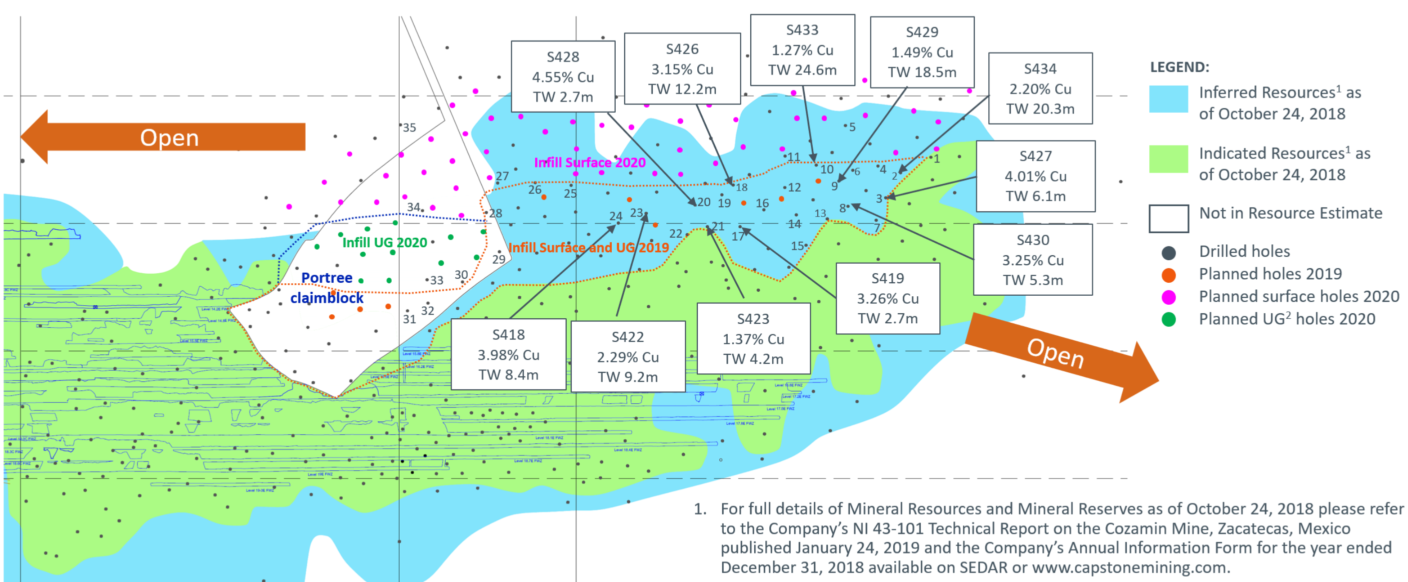
Vancouver, British Columbia - Capstone Mining Corp. ("Capstone" or the "Company") (TSX:CS) announces additional high grade copper and silver results from 20 infill drill holes at its Cozamin Mine, further to the update of November 5, 2019. These, plus an additional 15 holes pending assays, bring the total drilled to date to 138 holes of a 200 hole program, aiming to more than double the current reserve base. Drill results to date continue to demonstrate greater widths and grades than current Mineral Reserves. Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves estimates will be updated in late 2020.

"These recent drill results continue a theme we saw in the last results, released in early November, of better grade times thickness on average than the current reserve," said Brad Mercer, Capstone's Senior Vice President of Operations and Exploration. "With each additional hole we are more confident that Cozamin will be an even greater mine for the next decade, with 50% higher copper and silver production compared to today. The Mala Noche Footwall Zone ("MNFWZ") is still open in two directions and we continue to keep six drills running to expand the resource and eventually the mineral reserves with a new technical report next year."

Darren Pylot, Capstone's President and CEO said, "Our exploration team has done a fantastic job in surfacing huge NAV for shareholders. Not long ago we were facing a sunset operation and with exploration excellence we are now looking forward to higher production and higher margins than what we have ever realized at this mine. Cozamin is the type of operation all mining companies want to have but are extremely rare to find."

Cozamin is expected to produce 50 to 55 million pounds of copper and 1.4 to 1.5 million ounces of silver starting in early 2021, upon completion of the underground debottlenecking development project which is on schedule.

Figure 1 – Select High Grade Infill Holes at Cozamin Mine



1. For full details of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves as of October 24, 2018 please refer to the Company's NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Cozamin Mine, Zacatecas, Mexico published January 24, 2019 and the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2018 available on SEDAR or www.capstonemining.com.
2. UG denotes underground.

Figure 2 – Long-section of the Mala Noche Footwall Zone Showing Copper % * Estimated True Width (m)
The best grade*thickness intercepts lie outside of the current Mineral Reserve.

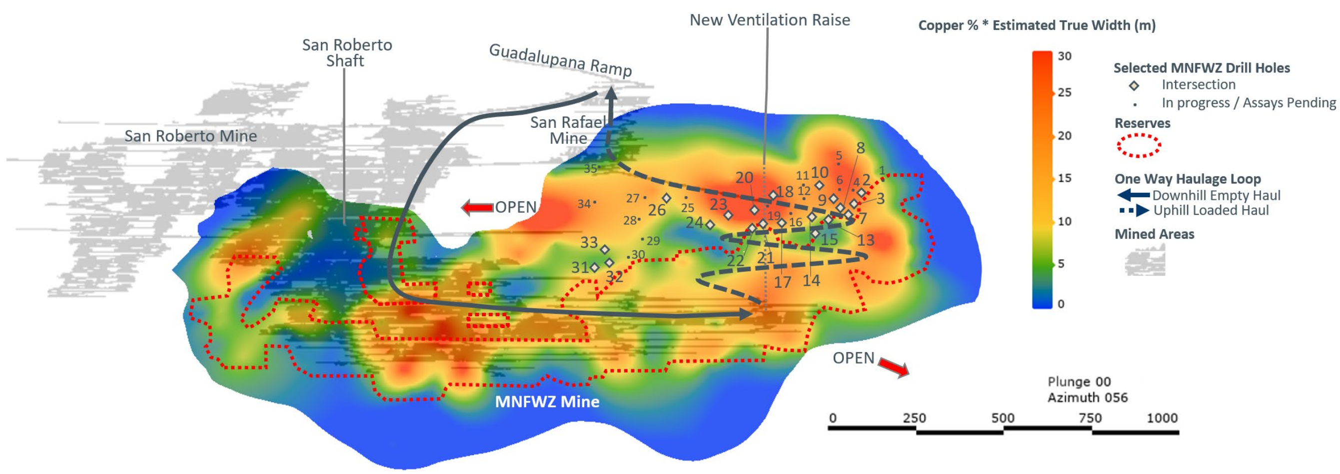


Figure 3 – Long-section of the Mala Noche Footwall Zone Showing Silver g/t * Estimated True Width (m)
Comparing Figure 2 to Figure 1, the strong positive correlation between copper and silver grades is clearly demonstrated.

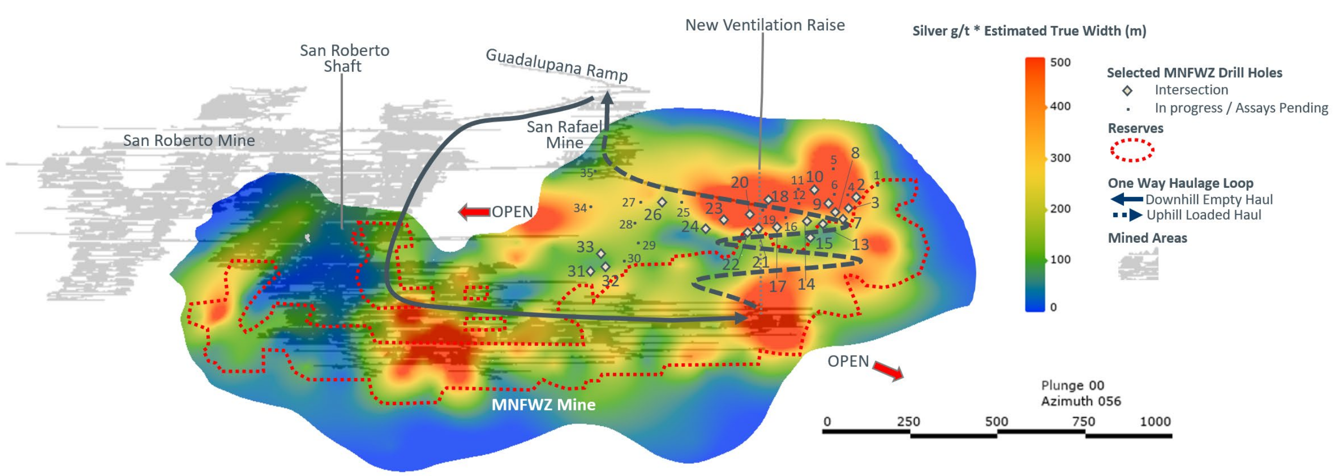
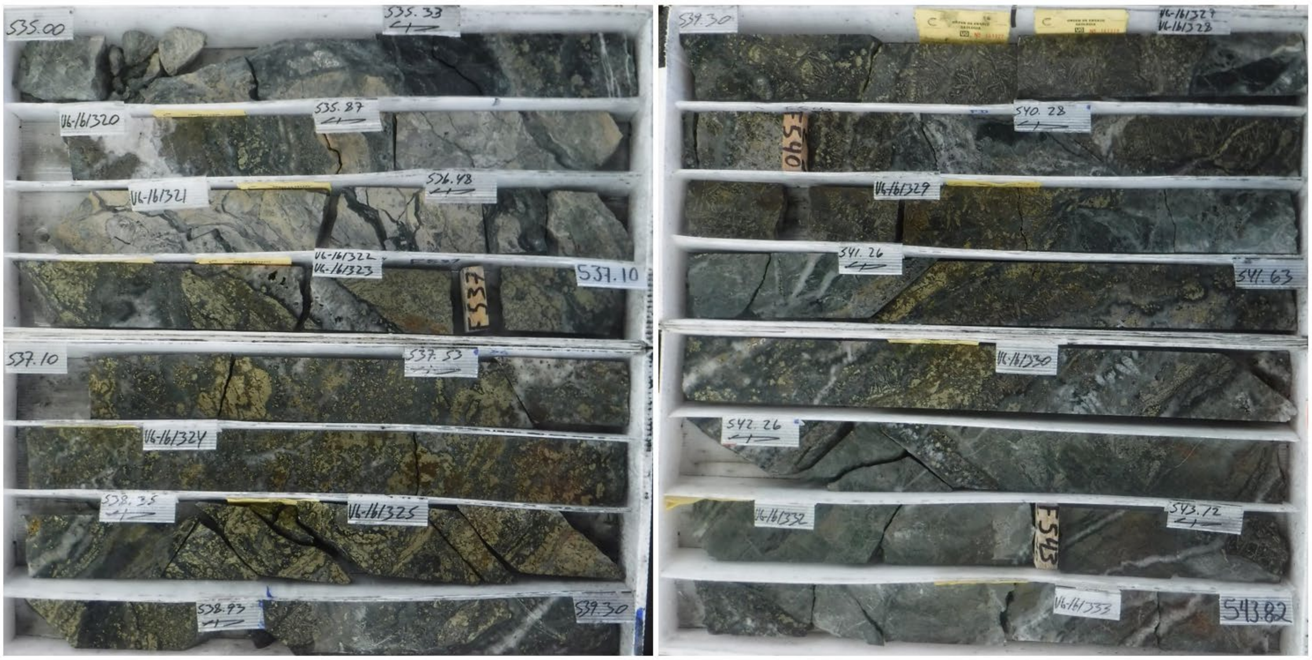


Figure 4 – Image of Drill Core from Hole CG-19-S434
Coarse grained, high grade chalcopyrite mineralization along with a positive copper-silver correlation underpins high copper and silver recoveries.



Select intervals are summarized in Table 1 and full results for all previously unreleased holes since the November 5, 2019 exploration update are in Table 2.

Table 1 – Selected MNFWZ Drilling Completed Since the November 5, 2019 News Release

Section ID #	Drill hole ID	Type	In Resource	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	True Width* (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t)
2	CG-19-S434	infill	no	527.5	550.9	23.4	20.3	2.20	0.08	0.04	43.6
	including			536.5	542.3	5.8	5.0	5.28	0.14	0.01	96.8
3	CG-19-S427	infill	no	626.9	633.1	6.2	6.1	4.01	0.10	0.01	67.3
9	CG-19-S429	infill	no	569.3	588.1	18.8	18.5	1.49	0.05	0.01	50.7
	including			582.5	588.1	5.6	5.5	1.92	0.06	0.01	69.5
10	CG-19-S433	infill	no	550.5	577.6	27.1	24.6	1.27	0.05	0.01	31.1
	Including			550.5	558.3	7.8	7.1	2.99	0.09	0.01	62.4
18	CG-19-S426	infill	no	584.0	598.2	14.2	12.2	3.15	0.10	0.01	58.2
	including			592.0	596.8	4.8	4.1	6.97	0.20	0.01	121.0
24	CG-19-S418	infill	no	557.4	566.5	9.1	8.4	3.98	0.83	0.02	84.2

*estimated true width of vein intercept for inclined drill holes

For drill hole location and context please view the long-section of the MNFWZ at https://capstonemining.com/files/images/maps/Cozamin-Hole-ID-Long-Section-NR-02Dec2019.pdf.

Table 2 – All MNFWZ Drilling Completed Since the November 5, 2019 News Release

Section ID #	Drill hole ID	Type	In Resource	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	True Width* (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t)
1	CG-19-S439	infill	no	assays pending							
2	CG-19-S434	infill	no	527.5	550.9	23.4	20.3	2.20	0.08	0.04	43.6
	including			536.5	542.3	5.8	5.0	5.28	0.14	0.01	96.8
3	CG-19-S427	infill	no	626.9	633.1	6.2	6.1	4.01	0.10	0.01	67.3
4	CG-19-S444	infill	no	assays pending							
5	CG-19-S447	infill	no	in progress							
6	CG-19-S438	infill	no	assays pending							
7	CG-19-S421	infill	no	647.0	648.0	1.0	0.9	5.91	1.14	0.08	111.0
8	CG-19-S430	infill	no	633.7	639.1	5.4	5.3	3.25	0.09	0.01	53.5
	including			636.7	639.1	2.4	2.3	6.31	0.16	0.01	101.8
9	CG-19-S429	infill	no	569.3	588.1	18.8	18.5	1.49	0.05	0.01	50.7
	including			582.5	588.1	5.6	5.5	1.92	0.06	0.01	69.5
10	CG-19-S433	infill	no	550.5	577.6	27.1	24.6	1.27	0.05	0.01	31.1
	including			550.5	558.3	7.8	7.1	2.99	0.09	0.01	62.4
11	CG-19-S442	infill	no	assays pending							
12	CG-19-S446	infill	no	in progress							
13	CG-19-S425	infill	no	no significant intercepts							
14	CG-19-S431	infill	no	652.1	654.8	2.7	2.0	7.86	0.28	0.02	132.0
15	CG-19-S420	infill	no	no significant intercepts							
16	CG-19-S435	infill	no	assays pending							
17	CG-19-S419	infill	no	636.0	639.7	3.7	2.7	3.26	1.23	0.17	80.1
18	CG-19-S426	infill	no	584.0	598.2	14.2	12.2	3.15	0.10	0.01	58.2
	including			592.0	596.8	4.8	4.1	6.97	0.20	0.01	121.0
19	CG-19-S440	infill	no	assays pending							
20	CG-19-S428	infill	no	582.5	586.4	3.9	2.7	4.55	0.17	0.01	107.4
21	CG-19-S423	infill	no	623.5	628.4	4.9	4.2	1.37	0.64	0.04	42.9
22	CG-19-S424	infill	no	603.4	606.0	2.6	2.1	3.07	0.75	0.06	96.5
23	CG-19-S422	infill	no	558.7	568.8	10.1	9.2	2.29	0.51	0.01	55.6
24	CG-19-S418	infill	no	557.4	566.5	9.1	8.4	3.98	0.83	0.02	84.2
25	CG-19-S437	infill	no	assays pending							
26	CG-19-S432	infill	no	510.1	515.0	4.9	3.9	1.26	0.06	0.01	27.2
27	CG-19-S441	infill	no	assays pending							
28	CG-19-S445	infill	no	in progress							
29	CG-19-U504	infill	no	in progress							
30	CG-19-U503	infill	no	assays pending							
31	CG-19-U502	infill	no	no significant intercepts							

Section ID #	Drill hole ID	Type	In Resource	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	True Width* (m)	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t)
32	CG-19-U501	infill	no	no significant intercepts							
33	CG-19-U500	infill	no	no significant intercepts							
34	CG-19-S436	infill	no	assays pending							
35	CG-19-S443	infill	no	in progress							

*estimated true width of vein intercept for inclined drill holes

Methodology

All samples were submitted for preparation by ALS at its facilities in Zacatecas, Mexico, followed by analysis at the ALS Laboratory in North Vancouver, Canada. The entire sample is crushed to a minimum of 70% passing 2 millimetres. A 250g subsample of the crushed material is then pulverized to 85% passing 75 microns. Copper, zinc, lead and silver are determined by ICP analysis after 4 acid digestion of a 0.4g subsample of pulverized material. QAQC samples in each batch of 20 samples include a blank, a certified reference material and a duplicate (one of a field, coarse reject or pulp reject).

Scotiabank Conference, December 4, 2019, Toronto, ON

Capstone management will be attending the Scotiabank Mining Conference in Toronto, Ontario. Darren Pylot, President and CEO will be presenting on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 and drill core from Cozamin will be featured at the Core Shack. Capstone's most recent corporate presentation is available at: http://capstonemining.com/investors/events-and-presentations/default.aspx.

About Capstone Mining Corp.

Capstone Mining Corp. is a Canadian base metals mining company, focused on copper. Our two producing mines are the Pinto Valley copper mine located in Arizona, US and the Cozamin copper-silver mine in Zacatecas State, Mexico. In addition, Capstone has the large scale 70% owned copper-iron Santo Domingo development project in Region III, Chile, in partnership with Korea Resources Corporation, as well as a portfolio of exploration properties. Capstone's strategy is to focus on the optimization of operations and assets in politically stable, mining-friendly regions, centred in the Americas. We are committed to the responsible development of our assets and the environments in which we operate. Our headquarters are in Vancouver, Canada and we are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX). Further information is available at www.capstonemining.com.

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National Instrument 43-101 Compliance

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The Technical Information in this news release has been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and reviewed and approved by Brad Mercer, P. Geol., Capstone's Senior Vice President, Operations and Exploration, a Qualified Person and the person who oversees exploration activities on the Cozamin Mine property.